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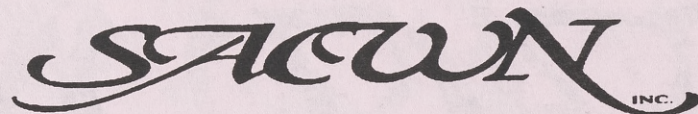
Maureen Brownsey and Special Surprise Opening Act

Stand-up comedienne Maureen Brownsey is known for her, "honed talent and impeccable timing . . .," "rapid-fire style . . . expertly guiding us through the decades spanning the '50s through the '90s. . . ." She has been called a "comic genius," whose "material . . . will put her name in lights" Originally from Philadelphia, Brownsey began her career by telling jokes for money in graduate school in 1987. Her material is from "real-life events, and she admits to owing all of her comic perception, some of the content of her act, and much of her comic timing to her growing-up years, as the 'happy, well-balanced middle child in a crazy household.'" Ms. Brownsey has

performed in clubs, universities and special events from coast to coast as well as in Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean Islands. She is credited with writing, directing, and producing "True Blue," a 16 mm film short distributed through Chicago Filmmakers, that was screened nationally and internationally, and received the "Best of Fest' Award" in Chicago. In addition to other full-length films and documentaries, she has also worked in radio and television as a performer and interviewer.

DATE:	Friday, August 18, 1995
PLACE:	Capitol Plaza Halls, Silver Room, 1025 9th Street, Sacramento
TIME:	6:30 Networking; 7:30 Performance
TICKETS:	\$12 Subscribers \$17 Non-subscriber

See order form on inside back cover of this newsletter. An event for women over 21 only.



FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

This newsletter is being written in between shopping trips to buy food and supplies for the Sacramento Women's Gathering. This weekend promises to be an incredible experience.

First, there are the 80+ women who are scheduled to arrive on the land about 4 p.m. on Friday. This is the third year that SACWN has rented Camp Augusta (appropriately a camp built about 1920, by a woman, to honor her mother, thus the name Augusta). Each year has been different yet equally powerful.

The first year, the energy came from the newness. It was the first successful gathering that SACWN had done. An earlier attempt by Corky in the late 80s to schedule "CAMP SACWN" failed for lack of adequate participation. So that first year, we were tentative, yet giddy with the newness and adventure of our coming together.

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More than half of those that participated in 1993 returned in 1994 and they brought with them an expectation for a weekend of warmth, friendship and fun. They also made sure it happened!

At the Gathering, we seem to slow down, allow ourselves to be more open to others and accept the bonding that can happen when women share experiences. I long for a similar feeling and appreciation for each other at our monthly events. We share a common lifestyle. We share a very special love for womankind. We can be open to being like a family to each other.

In our group this weekend, we will gather together and surround each other with our gentle and loving womanhood. We will work together to make the weekend happen and share the responsibility for ourselves and for each other. We will open our arms to the needs of each other and give unconditionally of ourselves. I know we will. Because we have for the past two years, and because we need to, now more than ever.

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For general Singles Connection information, contact **Misty** at **489-8144**.

Thursday, August 10 Socializing Get Together at Eat Your Vegetables. For reservations and details, phone **Misty**. **Sunday, August 20**, Afternoon picnic. For details call **Linda** at **444-2846** or **Pat** at **444-2866** or **Lindsay** at **678-5885**. **Saturday, August 26**, Afternoon at the State Fair. Phone **Pat** at **444-2866** for details. **Monday August 28th**, Restaurant Dinner and Planning Meeting. Call **Misty** for reservations and information.

TOP TEN

13 of us had a great meal, as usual, at Ernesto's last month. And thank you Toni for hosting a very nice Cheese and Wine Tasting gathering.

Join us for dinner on Friday, **August 4th** at Yakatori House/Mandarin Cuisine at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by August 3 to reserve. Call **Dee** at **443-2377**.

Our meeting will be Sunday, **August 20th**. Potluck BBQ and Swim Party. We can share cost of meat and folks can bring salads, beans, chips, etc. RSVP by Saturday, August 19th. Call **Anita** at **428-9583** to RSVP and get directions. **September 19th** we will have a special guest speaker coming to talk about Wills/Living Trusts, etc. Call **Dee** at **443-**

2377 no later than August 7th to reserve.

COUPLES GROUP

Ready for the balloon races in Reno? For information, call **Lesha** and **Cinder** at **676-0641**.

RAINBOW CAMPERS

The following camping schedule has been set for 1995:

August 11-12 Nevada Beach, SLT

Contact: **Kate** 483-7064

September 29-30 Coloma Resort

Contact: **Sharon** 421-6639

For general information, call **Casey** at **366-7362**. Let's go camping!

MOMS AND KIDS

Interested in meeting with other mothers and mothers to be in Davis? We meet the first weekend of the month, usually Saturday. Call **Terisa** at **753-0329**. Also a Sacramento group is forming. Call **Paula** at **725-9094**, (days) or **Kim** **364-8653** (evenings.)

LESBIAN OWNED

We will be meeting on **Sunday, August 27th** at 1 p.m. to talk business. A guest speaker will be joining us to give us tips on how she built her thriving business. Call **Sandy** at **451-8034** to RSVP. Meetings are held at 3031 F Street, Suite 201.

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Join these exploring women with cameras. Call **Linda** at **921-9052**.

BRIDGE GROUP

Interested in playing bridge? Any level of skill welcomed. We meet every other Sunday. Call **Lenora** after 6 p.m. for more information at **444-0102**.

Movie Lovers Group

Two enthusiastic thumbs up for this new group! Love going to the movies? Renting a great or not so great video? Movie lovers, let's get together to plan and to see a film. Contact **Susan** at **452-9619**.

FLY FISHERWOMEN

Always want to learn to tie and cast? Here's your chance. Call **Beth** at **455-0904**.

CULTURE CLUB

Call **Ann** at **927-6038** to find out what these cultural women are doing!

POKER

Want to join us for a game of poker? Call **Kym** and **Jane** at **649-1182**.

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SACWN CALENDAR - 1995

Friday, August 18, 1995

Comedy and More!

Silver Room, Capitol Plaza Halls

Join us for a night of "personable tales from the vast repertoire of comedienne Maureen Brownsey. She's been invited to do five Olivia Crusies. She must be a great comedian! Plus a surprise opening act!

Friday, September 22, 1995

A Work in Progress - Family Values

Sierra 2 Theater

Filmmaker Pam Walton is raising funds to finish her newest film which documents the truth about the anti-gay activities of the radical right. This is an evening that no member should miss. You need to know the extremes to which the fundamentalists will go to "rid this culture of homosexuality." We need to understand the enemy before we can stop the war. This is a very personal crusade for Pam. Her father, Rus Walton, is a leader in the religious right movement. Her film is about them both.

Saturday, October 28, 1995

The Gay Nineties with Second Wind

Join us for our annual Halloween Dance at the Unitarian Universalist Society. The theme this year will be the gay nineties. Pick a century and dress as you are or would have been in 1795, 1895, 1995 or even 2095. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes of each of the four centuries! Dance to the music magic of Second Wind.

Saturday, November 18, 1995

Pot Luck By Zip Code

Ever wonder who the SACWN members are in your neighborhood? Well, here's the time to find out. We'll ask for volunteers next month to open their home to other members in November for a "get to know you" pot luck. The November newsletter will list the phone number for each zip code's (or combination) location. To make this work, we will need you to volunteer. Watch for more details next month.

Saturday, December 9, 1995

The SACWN Snow White Champagne Ball

Lincoln Plaza, Sacramento

It's time for your fanciest duds, maybe rent a tux and have a ball. The SACWN Snow White Ball!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Every Friday Night - Country Western Dance

at the Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street. Lessons 7:30 to 8:00, Dance 'til 10. \$2 donation.

Saturday, August 19 - Be-Bop Bandstand

Dig those poodle skirts and chinos out and swing down to the De Castro Sisters third annual Be-Bop Bandstand, a '50s and '60s dance for women of all ages to benefit the Women's Cancer Resources Center. DJ Lee Mosswood spins the platters and the evening starts with dance lessons from 8-8:30. No-host bar, raffle, wheelchair-accessible space, period dress encouraged but definitely not required. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crystal Ballroom, Ramada Inn 1231 Market Street at 8th. Tickets are 412 advance, \$15 at door. For information, call 415/648-3331.

Friday, August 25, 1995 - Celebrate the 75 Years of Votes for Women.

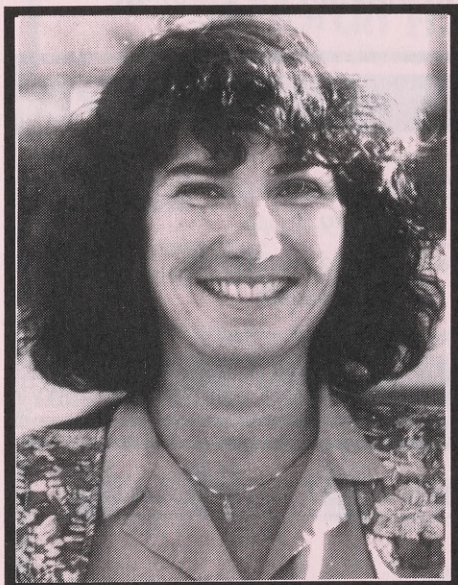
West steps of Capitol from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A coalition of local groups is forming to celebrate the 19th Amendment Jubilee! For information, call 736-6900. (Anyone interested in helping with the planning? Certainly lesbians should be involved to follow in the footsteps of Alice Paul.)

August 31 - September 4, 1995 West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival

near Yosemite. Is there a better way to spend the Labor Day weekend than with thousands of women in the woods. Not! See article elsewhere in newsletter.

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SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE



Kate MacKenzie was born in Lodi and raised in Sacramento. "Except for three brief months when I moved to Reno, I have lived in this area all of my life," says Kate.

Kate began her work life with the state as a file clerk for the Franchise Tax Board. She was taking classes at CSUS at the time. "A lesbian came to a sexuality class I was taking. She was smart, articulate and cute! I was smitten. I went to the Women's Center to find more women like her. I moved into a lesbian collective, fell in love and came out at 22."

Kate joined the Sacramento Women's Center Board of Directors and later became the executive director of the Rape Crisis Center. "The Women's Center was a beehive of creative energy and political activity. We started a program for victims of sexual assault, a battered women's program, chemical dependency services and the bookstore. It was a decade of initiation."

Kate left the Rape Crisis center after eight years in 1981 because she needed more in life. She went to graduate school and then was hired as the first Executive Director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) in 1983. "It was an almost totally volunteer organization. The energy and commitment from people was selfless. We had no idea what we were getting into. It's good I didn't know how difficult it would be to fund the program, the huge size to which it would grow, or the number of people I loved that I would watch die."

Kate went from spending ten years surrounded by lesbian and feminist women to working in isolation from women who were not yet involved in the AIDS crisis. "It opened me up to the human race."

After six years at SAF, Kate went into private practice. "The work at the Foundation was continual chaos. I needed more peace and to do something to

feel connected with my own healing process."

As a licensed clinical social worker, she focuses on general and family abuse and trauma and works with lesbian couples. A part of her work has been the presentation of workshops called, "Joyful Living." (She presented this topic at the SACWN Gathering in 1993 and 1994.) She will be conducting free workshops at Lioness Books in the fall on lesbian relationships. Topics will cover communication, intimacy and sexuality. "I enjoy doing relationship groups and am thinking about doing one for lesbians who are 'taking in' their mothers."

Kate takes special joy in being a grandmother. "I didn't have the opportunity as a crazed, single, young, poor mother to enjoy my child. But with my grandson I am learning little boy energy. It is amazing to give him love and see him 'happen.' It's as if by making him a part of my life, I am having a childhood I never had."

What is success to Kate? "Success means I am able to balance my past with my purpose. My goal is to create more joyful and loving relationships in the lesbian community. Success is to create and live out this potential for me, and in doing so I am creating more love and joy in the world, both for myself and for others. I can't do one without the other."

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"COMING" TO THE YOSEMITE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Television and Broadway star Nell Carter will entertain at the West Coast Women's during the Labor Day Weekend at Yosemite on Saturday, September 2, 1995. Ms. Carter currently stars in the ABC television series, "Hanging With Mr. Cooper," and is also known for

her starring role in the six-season television series, "Gimme A Break." Other television credits include the performance of "Friends Like Me," from the Disney film, "Aladdin," at the 65th Annual Academy Awards Presentation and appearances on the Emmy Award winning program, "Baryshnikov on Broadway," "The Tonight Show," and "Kathie Lee Gifford's Celebration of Motherhood." She is also featured in the new film, "The Grass Harp," with co-stars Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon, Sissy Spacek and Joan Plowright. Nell Carter has established a reputation for her dynamic nightclub act which is known for sold out engagements from LA's "Hollywood Bowl," to Atlantic City via Las Vegas. After performances in several Broadway plays, she received much acclaim and many awards for her high energy in the musical, "Ain't Misbehavin'," for which she won a Tony, the Outer Circle Critics Award, the Drama Desk Award and the Obie. Because of enormous talent and discipline, Ms. Carter has achieved phenomenal success in musicals, comedies and dramas. But more important than her talent is her heart. She is a tireless supporter of the war against AIDS and children's causes. If you wish to enjoy a Nell Carter performance and plan on attending the West Coast Women's Festival, --please complete the form in the June SACWN Newsletter. Additional forms are available at the SACWN office (916/451-8034).

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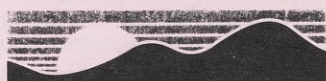
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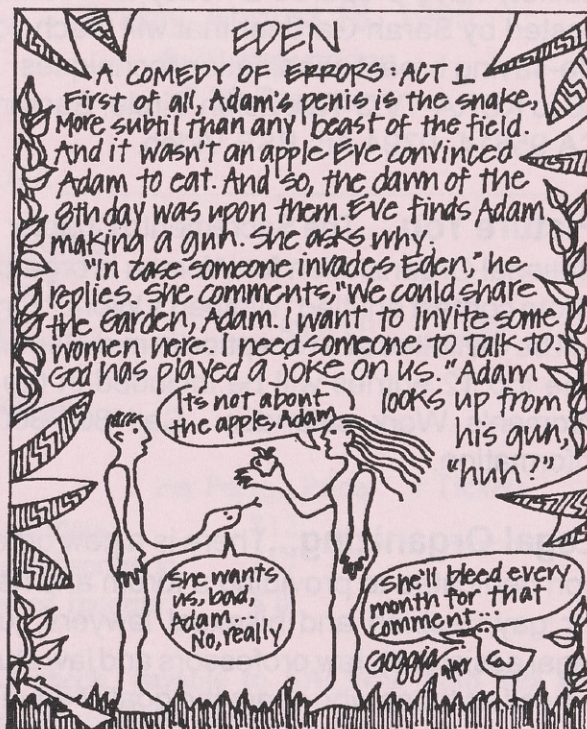
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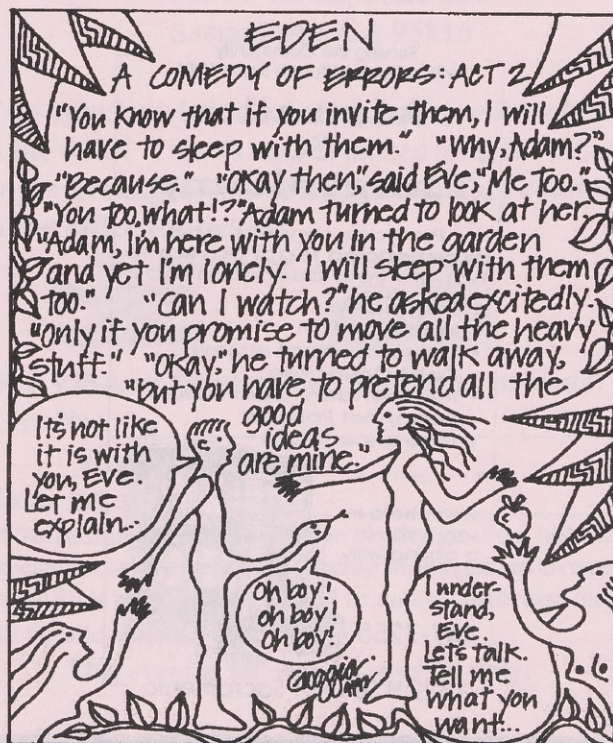
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SACWN SAYS...

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Picture You.... The Sacramento Chapter of the National Organization for Women is organizing a photo contest entitled "Women's Work." Finalists will be exhibited at a reception in mid-September. The top 12 entries will be included in the 1996 Women's Work calendar. Call 863-3004 for information.

Legal Organizing... There is a new organization dedicated to providing a forum and network for gay, lesbian and bisexual lawyers, judges, legal assistants, law professors and law students as well as those who share the goal of equality for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. For information, contact Eileen Gillis at 447-7255

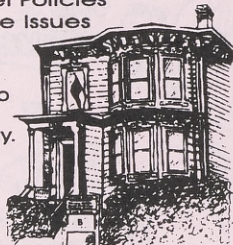
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More and More Lesbian Movies... Scheduled to be filmed soon are Rubyfruit Jungle, Chicks in White Satin (about a lesbian wedding) and Murder at the Nightwood Bar!

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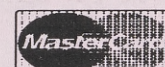
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